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Dear Major Propp

Your name was given to me by Mr. Leonard Crouch of the reconnaissance lab here at Wright-Patterson in conjunction with an inquiry I'd made of him regarding Weapon System 119L. We're attempting to determine what the classification is at present on that system.

We've been offered one of the cameras utilized in that project and Dr. Sheppard at Lockheed was able to ascertain that the camera was now unclassified. But some question apparently remains as to the classification status of details of the USAF utilization of this equipment. (These cameras later were employed to conduct aerial surveys of California vineyards, obviously an unclassified project!) Mr. Crouch indicated that you were familiar with this USAF system which dates back to the late 1950s and involved aerial reconnaissance by balloon. Can you advise us as to the classification status or as to a source to which we could turn to determine this? SAC under the FOI Act has declassified from Top Secret a summary of the 119L project in 1979.

Thanks for any suggestion you can offer.

Sincerely

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